

## Message Text

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APPROVED BY NEA/ARP:JWTTWINAM  
TREASURY/IS:LWBOWDEN

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JIDDA FOR AMBASSADOR; RIYADH PASS TO USREP/JECOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, ECIN, US, SA

SUBJECT: SOLERAS: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

1. MESSRS. WILLIS AND THOMPSON WISH TO THANK YOU FOR EMBASSY HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO THEM AND OTHER MEMBERS OF SOLERAS DELEGATION DURING RECENT VISIT, AND FOR OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SOLERAS PROGRAM WITH YOU. AS AGREED DURING THOSE DISCUSSIONS THE FOLLOWING IS INTENDED TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF SIGNIFICANT PLANS AND DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING SOLERAS.

2. IT WAS AGREED IN EARLY JUNE MEETINGS WITH DR. RIDA OBAID AT SANCST THAT EACH PARTY TO THE SOLERAS AGREEMENT WOULD FORWARD TO SERI BY JULY 15 ITS NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. SANCST AND DOE ARE TO NOMINATE THREE PERSONS EACH AND TREASURY AND MFNE ARE TO NOMINATE ONE PERSON EACH. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AT SERI ON SEPTEMBER 18.

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3. CURRENT THINKING AT DOE AND TREASURY REGARDING LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IS INCLINED TOWARD NOMINATING PERSONS FROM THE U.S. SIDE AT APPROXIMATELY THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL. THIS LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION WILL PLACE ON THE BOARD THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE DAY-TO-DAY INVOLVEMENT WITH SOLERAS AND WHO CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE MOST TO ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

4. WE ARE SURE DR. OBAID AND DR. ALTURKI UNDERSTAND THE  
LACK OF SYMMETRY BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS' STRUCTURE'S  
AND THAT THE LEVEL WE HAVE CHOSEN IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE  
ONE FOR PROMOTING SOLERAS. WE FEEL SURE THE SAUDI SIDE  
WILL SELECT NOMINEES BASED ON SIMILAR CRITERIA. CHRISTOPHER

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